

In the Claims:

Amend the claims 1, 6, 8 and 15 to read as follows:

Sub D1
1. (Thrice Amended) Support material coated on at least one side with a synthetic resin, containing a raw paper provided at least on the front side with a pigment coating, wherein the synthetic resin is a polyolefin resin on the pigment coating, and wherein the pigment coating contains at least about 5% by weight of a pigment having particles with a narrow grain distribution with respect to the weight of the total pigment in the pigment layer, whereby at least about 70% by weight of the pigment particles have a size of less than about $1\mu\text{m}$ and at least 40% by weight of the particles have a grain size of 0.35 to $0.8\mu\text{m}$.

6 D1
6. (Once Amended) Support material coated on at least one side with synthetic resin, containing a raw paper provided on at least the front side with a pigment coating, wherein the synthetic resin is a polyolefin resin on the pigment coating, and wherein the pigment coating contains calcium carbonate which has a surface modified by an inorganic substance in platelet shape.

6 D1
8. (Once Amended) Support material according to claim 6, wherein the proportion of the surface modified calcium carbonate pigment in the total amount of pigment amounts to at least about 5% by weight.

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15. (Thrice Amended) Support material for an ink-jet recording sheet comprising a raw paper provided at least on the front side with a pigment coating, wherein the synthetic resin is a polyolefin resin on the pigment coating, and wherein the pigment coating contains at least about 5% by weight of a pigment having particles with a narrow grain distribution with respect to the weight of the total pigment in the pigment layer, whereby at least about 70% by weight of the pigment particles have a size of less than about $1\mu\text{m}$ and at least 40% by weight of the particles have a grain size of 0.35 to $0.8\mu\text{m}$.

Cancel claims 7, 9 and 19.

Add new claims 21-23 as follows:

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21. Support material according to claim 1, wherein the synthetic resin is present in the amount of 5 to $30\text{g}/\text{m}^2$.

22. The support material according to claim 6, wherein the synthetic resin is present in the amount of 5 to $30\text{g}/\text{m}^2$.

23. The support material according to claim 15, wherein the synthetic resin is present in the amount of 5 to $30\text{g}/\text{m}^2$.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were originally presented for examination.¹

¹The Examiner has correctly noted that the original claims were 1-19, however there were two claims numbered "9". The